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Britney paying off K-Fed

Sundin rumour denied by his representatives

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IS HE OR ISN'T HE? Mats Sundin has signed with the Vancouver Canucks, a Swedish newspaper reported yesterday – a claim that was immediately rejected by Sundin's agent and his Swedish representative.

Sundin's agent J.P. Barry and his Swedish representative Claes Elefalk both claimed that yesterday's report in Sweden's Daily News was false, according to *tsn.ca* and CBC News Online.

The Canucks' offer, $20 million over two years, would make the 37-year-old unrestricted free agent the highest paid player in the league.

Sundin, the first overall pick in 1991, has 555 goals and 766 assists in 1,305 games with the Quebec Nordiques and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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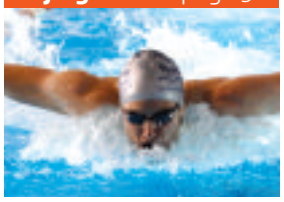

Swimmer beats financial burden

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Francine Ng, 27, gets down to the sound of the Pascale Picard Band at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival in Jericho Beach Park yesterday.

Multitudes jam at fest, as others sing parking blues

ANDREW KING
for Metro Vancouver

While thousands danced in the sun at Jericho Beach this weekend inside the Vancouver Folk Music Festival gates those on the outside were left to fight for parking spots in the heat.

The festival, which boasted a lineup that included Aimee Mann, Spirit of the West and closed last night with Michael Franti And Spearhead, attracted about 10,000 people a day.

Those who drove, found there weren't enough parking spots.

Organizers had asked Coast Mountain Bus Company to run a later bus service during the three-day event.

"We know and we do hear from quite a number of patrons who would love to come out here … but they don't have a way of returning," said Barbara Chirinos, the festival's managing director.

"It just doesn't make sense to me that a bus service that I'm not even asking to be created, it already exists, that just a couple hours are added onto the shift," she said.

The native of New York City said that it's time for Vancouver to embrace its culture.

"It is a fun city, and it's becoming even more fun but we have to back that up," she said.

Sarah, a young mother who didn't give her last name, said her only option was to drive because of her daughter.

"I'd prefer to take the bus, but tricky with a little girl," she said.

room for cyclists

Thousands of attendees made it to the festival by bicycle, encouraged by the bike parking provided by organizers.

100 yr-old Big Dee Dee to retire at lobster haven

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

A Vancouver realtor who offered $1,000 to spare a 10-kilogram, metre-long lobster from a cruel but delicious fate will get to keep her money after the owner of the fish store where it was being kept decided to donate it to a science centre.

Laura-Leah Shaw, a vegetarian who is involved in human rights issues, offered the bounty to rescue Big Dee Dee, a 100-year-old lobster from seafood shop Big Fish in Shediac, N.B. Other bidders across the country offered up to $5,000, with some people wanting to save the lobster and others wanting to eat it.

In the end, owner Denis Breau donated it to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in St. Andrews, where it will be cared for. Breau said Big Dee Dee likely would have died soon after if released into the ocean.

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187 possible Hockey Night themes from B.C.
B.C. songwriters have submitted 187 compositions for the new musical theme for CBC's Hockey Night in Canada. Ontario led the way with 647 submissions, followed by B.C., and then Alberta with 71. There are six weeks left in the contest. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Pirate ship to sail to auction

Vancouver Architect Andrew Dewberry said he will auction the pirate ship-themed treehouse, left, he built for his two sons after being told to take it down by a judge. Auction proceeds will go to charity, Dewberry said.

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'For us they're not just trees'

Board to vote on fate of cherry trees planted for Japanese immigrants

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The Vancouver Parks Board will vote tonight on a revised development plan for Oppenheimer Park that would save a number of Japanese cherry trees planted more than 30 years ago in honour of the area's first Japanese immigrants.

In March, the board approved a concept plan to re-develop the Downtown Eastside park.

The plan included a new field house, a children's playground and basketball court, but called for the removal and replacement of 10 sakura (Japanese cherry trees).

But about a week after it was approved, park staff were made aware of the significance of the trees, 21 of which were planted in 1977 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of B.C.'s first Japanese immigrants.

"For us they're not just trees," said K.C. Sato, co-chair of the Coalition to Save the Legacy Sakura of Oppenheimer Park. "A lot of it is the emotional and spiritual sentiment — what those trees represent."

Oppenheimer Park, formerly known as the Powell Grounds, was the centre of Vancouver's pre-war Japantown. The sakura were planted by seniors, who had returned to the area that they had been forced to leave when interned during the Second World War.

The revised park plan, which will be voted on tonight, would result in the removal of only two of the trees.

COPE Park Comm. Loretta Woodcock and NPA Comm. Ian Robertson said they support the revised plan and called it a good compromise: saving the majority of the trees while giving the park a much needed facelift.

Oppenheimer homeless ticketing

Advocates in the Downtown Eastside said they are concerned that police are ticketing homeless people who are sleeping overnight in Oppenheimer Park.

Cassandra Eastman, who camps overnight in the park with her husband in a group of about 10 to 12 people, was among those given a $75 by-law ticket for being in the park after it closes.

"Homelessness should not be a crime," said Eastman, who describes the park as a "good, safe place" to sleep.

Laura Track, a lawyer with the PIVOT Legal Society, is helping Eastman challenge her ticket.

She said there is no place else for people to sleep and noted local shelters had 40,000 turnaways in a nine-month period.

JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

VANOC breaks 36,000 hearts

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Eighty people were chosen over the weekend to be volunteers at the 2010 Games, but thanks to an Olympic-sized goof-up, more than 36,000 people across the country received the congratulatory e-mail.

Donna Wilson, spokeswoman for Vancouver's Olympic Organizing Committee, said that the giant e-mail blast — which went to everyone on the committee's e-mail list — was an honest mistake on behalf of someone at VANOC.

The e-mail congratulated recipients and directed them to go online to fill out a form and schedule a mandatory training period. When recipients reached an error during scheduling, the calls started pouring in to VANOC — more than 4,000 so far. Wilson said she personally sent out e-mails of apology.

letters

Nurse should be present in exams

Re: "Nine B.C. doctors disciplined." I was shocked that Susan Prins, the director of media and communications at the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons said, "there is no cause for alarm" and "these are pretty much the usual figures." That sounds like it is totally acceptable. Well, I say it is totally unacceptable. (It should be mandatory) to have a nurse present during a woman's physical examination.

DAPHNE SMITHARD, NEW WESTMINSTER

Security should be aggressive

Re: "Pivot files rights complaint." It is high time that security organizations become aggressive toward a segment of our society. There is no crime in being poor, but the people who think that they can not practise basic hygiene, who feel they have the right to camp out on the sidewalk much to the peril of pedestrians, are going to come to a stark realization that this kind of action will not be tolerated.

PHILIP F. PROCTOR, PORT COQUITLAM

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Volunteers roar along with the new dragon at the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk With The Dragon 2008 at Stanley Park yesterday.

Walk to support newcomers a S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

About 13,000 people walked in support of B.C. newcomers at yesterday's annual fundraiser for S.U.C.C.E.S.S., a multi-service agency created to help new immigrants.

Held at Stanley Park, Walk With the Dragon attracted more than 500 teams of volunteers who helped $520,000 that will go toward new immigrant programs.

CEO Tung Chan said he was grateful for such a strong turnout, which included Premier Gordon Campbell and Mayor Sam Sullivan.

"I think what it does show is their solidarity (and) desire to help new Canadians," said Chan.

Volunteer and new immigrant Peter Liang said S.U.C.C.E.S.S. helped him when he first arrived in Vancouver.

"I actually knew about S.U.C.C.E.S.S. at the airport because they had an office there," he said.

The program helped Liang feel welcome in his new home and provided him with his first job that helped him get a position with Statistics Canada.

ANDREW KING/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

PILOT A pilot-in-training from B.C. died after his ultralight aircraft nosedived into the ground in southern Alberta, CBC News Online reports. Larry Lloyd Merrett of St. John was practising on Saturday afternoon with his flight instructor, who was on the ground.

STABBING Two men were stabbed outside a pub in Surrey during a fight between five men and a group of four. A man in the larger group stabbed one victim in the neck and another in the torso. The five men then repeatedly kicked one of the victim's head and body. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sea-to-Sky

Paramedic injured in rescue attempt

FALL A paramedic fell and injured his leg while trying to rescue a driver thrown down a steep embankment on the Sea-to-Sky Highway yesterday morning.

West Vancouver emergency crews were called to a crash site near Eagleridge Bluffs where they found a car, but no driver.

"They didn't find any sign of a victim, so they called off the search (after) about half-hour," said Martin Ernst, division fire chief with the West Vancouver Fire Department.

They later returned after receiving a call from a person who said the driver was down in an embankment, apparently after being ejected from the car. The man had injured his ribs and in trying to get to him, one of the paramedics fell. Both men are in stable condition.

BY JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Zip out to get rid of your car
Participating Vancouverites will be swapping their car keys for a Zipcar membership and a TransLink pass as part of Zipcar's Low-Car Diet Challenge today. The initiative, which aims to reduce personal car use, takes place at noon at Granville Plaza (200 Granville St.). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Model's funeral draws hundreds

What she would have wanted: Boyfriend

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Friends and family of a model murdered in China gathered at a memorial for her on Saltspring Island, where she lived, yesterday.

Diana O'Brien

Hundreds of people attended the service for Diana O'Brien, 22, at Saltspring Island Golf and Country Club, which included music, a slideshow and a potluck at her best friend's restaurant, Falconshead Grill. Joel Berry, O'Brien's boyfriend of five years who organized the service, said the celebration of her life is exactly what she would have wanted.

Members of the media were asked to stay out of the service.

Diana O'Brien, 22, was found stabbed to death in the stairwell of her apartment on July 6 in Shanghai, where she had gone to work as a model two weeks prior.

Five days later, police arrested 18-year-old Chen Jun, who confessed to killing O'Brien during a botched robbery attempt.

At the time of her death, O'Brien was working for Shanghai-based Jh Model Agency, which touted itself as "one of the leading modeling agencies in the east of China." After her death, however, the agency's website and phone number became unavailable.

O'Brien's friends said she had complained that the jobs the agency hired her for were not what she expected, and was planning to return home within days.

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Foot linked to missing man

WASHED ASHORE One of five feet that have washed ashore in Southwestern B.C. has now been linked to a man who went missing in the Lower Mainland last year.

Family DNA was matched to the foot of a missing, depressed man, CBC News Online reported. The man's name was not released. RCMP said foul play was not suspected.

In the past year, five feet, all in running shoes, have washed ashore on various islands in Georgia Strait and in the mouth of the Fraser River.

In all cases, police said there has been no evidence that the feet were severed, but most likely became disarticulated through natural processes like decay.

As well, a coroner in Washington State said he would be talking to B.C. officials about a body found 16 months ago in the San Juan Islands. The body was missing an arm, a hand and both feet. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

SHOOTING One man died and two others were wounded after a shooting near a nightclub in Victoria, CBC News Online reports. One victim is in critical condition while the other is said to be in stable condition. Police have arrested three people.

BAN City beaches may soon be smoke-free, news1130.com reports. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and Vancouver Coastal Health are conducting a preliminary investigation on a ban.

PARKS Vancouver residents are being asked to name a pair of new city parks, located at 37th Avenue and Oak Street and 72 Avenue and Osler Street. Parks can be named after geographic features or to commemorate a historic person or event.

MISSING Police are looking for a 53-year-old Lower-Mainland woman, cknw.com reports. Guoxiang Zhou left for work in a grey Mercedes on Friday but did not show up for work the next day. METRO NEWS SERVICES

RAFE ARNOLT/METRO VANCOUVER

2008 Kits Beach Corona Open champion Barbara Carson bumps back during the gold medal round yesterday. Carson and teammate Leah Colette Allinger defeated Jamie Broder and Mila Miguel for the $3,300 purse.

Canadian teams volley for gold on Vancouver beach

ANDREW KING
for Metro Vancouver

About a thousand sun-worshiping volleyball fans packed Kits Beach yesterday afternoon to watch some of the best beach volleyball pairs from Canada and the Northwest United States play for gold at the 2008 Vancouver Corona Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament.

The team of Leah Allinger of Vancouver and Barbara Carson of Toronto captured gold over 2016 Olympic-hopeful Jamie Broder and Mila Miguel in the women's final.

"It's probably the best event we've had so far."
Jenny Graham, tournament director

"It was an awesome event," said tournament director Jenny Graham, who was thrilled with the turnout. "Local teams have been winning so far, which is a blessing."

Thirty-two teams came from as far away as California to compete in the annual four-day tournament for a piece of the $15,000 prize money — the largest in Canada — and a chance at taking the top prize of a gold medal and $3,300.

"It's probably the best event we've had so far," said Graham, after players and fans had to deal with rain and cool weather last year.

On the men's side, the duo of Martin Reader from Comox, B.C., and Alberta's Ben Saxton won gold.

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Fallen soldier returning home

Cpl. James Hayward Arnal was killed by a roadside bomb during a foot patrol in Panjwaii district near Kandahar city on Friday. Hundreds of his fellow Canadian soldiers turned out to bid farewell as his flag-draped coffin was loaded on to a flight bringing his body back to Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

"It's delayed by the politics of the thing."

Ken Elder, a retired federal government heritage architect, speaking about the ongoing Parliament Hill renovations.

renovations

A recently released Public Works budget pegs the cost of renovating the Parliament Hill buildings at a minimum of $1 billion. The project is slated to take nearly a decade.

Toronto cops find triple homicide

SHOOTINGS A killer abandoned a stolen SUV with three bodies inside on a quiet Toronto area street before disappearing into the early morning darkness.

An anonymous 9-1-1 call led police to a bullet-riddled vehicle against the curb. Inside, officers found the bodies of three young men who had been shot repeatedly. None was in the driver's seat.

The grisly discovery came just hours after police received "credible" information that six to eight men in three vehicles were about to shoot someone in retribution for another shooting. Toronto police are asking that the person who drove the SUV to the scene, and the person who made the 9-1-1 call yesterday to come forward.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec City **Paul McCartney concert**

MAHFUJ BHANGER/REUTERS

British singer Paul McCartney, right, performs last night during a concert on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City. The much-anticipated show, McCartney's only scheduled performance in North America this year, is part of Quebec City's 400th birthday bash. Several Quebec sovereigntists had been questioning McCartney's participation because of his British roots.

Canadians wrong on race, crime?

Survey finds wide misperception

On any given day in Canada, on any busy city bus, on any main street, take a look around. There are criminals among us — about 10 per cent of adults. Picture the 50 people on the bus, and ask yourself, which five are criminals?

36.7

Percentage of people with criminal records presumed to be "non-whites" by Canadians in Torstar News Service survey. RCMP database shows the number is actually 16.7 per cent.

Many Canadians identify the wrong people.

In a national survey, the Toronto Star asked Canadians how many people with a Canadian criminal record are a visible minority, including Aboriginals.

The average response: About one in three.

The correct answer: One in six.

The real answer comes from a Toronto Star analysis of an RCMP database containing the criminal histories of 2.9 million people, obtained in a freedom of information request.

Canadian governments and police forces generally do not distribute race and crime statistics, partly out of a fear it will stigmatize communities and fuel racism.

But the lack of information may be another reason why Canadians thought people with criminal records were disproportionately non-white.

"The interesting thing about the findings," says University of Toronto criminologist Scot Wortley, "is that under a situation where (race and crime information is not distributed) people still have the perception that minorities are more involved in crime, and in fact this perception is far worse than the reality. In many ways, (the) data show that this ban on these statistics has not protected minorities at all. In fact, it may have made it worse."

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Ontario joining B.C. in Western Climate Initiative

ENVIRONMENT Ontario will join B.C. in the Western Climate Initiative, a regional carbon credit trading pact aimed at curbing global warming.

Ontario is the fourth province to join the effort and Canadian environmentalists hailed the announcement as evidence that provincial leaders were losing faith in Ottawa's stand on climate change, but federal Environment Minister John Baird said he saw no problem with Ontario's decision.

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Researchers developing aggressive cancer test

TREATMENT U.S. and Canadian researchers have taken steps toward developing a gene test to determine whether a patient's lung cancer is especially aggressive, or whether radical treatment can be avoided.

The researchers reported yesterday that they analyzed lung cancer tissue from 442 people to confirm that measuring the activity of certain genes can help predict early on which cases may be the most deadly and which have a better prognosis. Knowing if a person has an aggressive tumour is critical to choosing a treatment.

The researchers said tracking gene activity, along with taking into account clinical factors like the patient's age, sex and the tumour stage made them better able to make a prognosis.

1.35

The number of people in the millions who are projected to die from cancer annually.

Doctors are eager to come up with reliable ways to determine how aggressive a tumour is likely to be when a patient is in the earliest stages of lung cancer.

The goal is for a simple test assessing the activity of certain genes to determine the aggressiveness of a tumor. The researchers said they plan to refine the process, identifying critical genes.

REUTERS

News in brief

PRISON ESCAPE Two inmates escaped early yesterday from a minimum security prison, say officials at the Westmorland Institution in Dorchester, N.B. One man was sentenced for various property-related offences and the other is serving a three-year sentence for break, enter and theft. The Westmorland facility has no fences or perimeter walls and is used as the last stop for inmates before they are released from jail.

PASSPORT RULES The Tories are predicting a massive surge in passport applications by mid-2009 as Canadians prepare for already tightened U.S. border rules. Passport Canada is projecting to process 5.2 million passport applications by March 31, 2009. This will be a jump of more than 10 per cent from the previous record high from 2008.

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Planet gets a Polynesian makeover
A dwarf planet orbiting beyond Neptune has been designated the third plutoid in the solar system and given the name Makemake, the International Astronomical Union said on Saturday. It is named after a Polynesian creator of humanity and god of fertility. REUTERS

World

McMahon sues hospital

Ed McMahon, left, the longtime sidekick to U.S. talk show host Johnny Carson, sued a Los Angeles hospital Friday, claiming its doctors failed to diagnose his broken neck after a fall and discharged him without taking an X-ray. McMahon, 85, also accused Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of botching two subsequent spine operations.

Memorial held for Dziekanski

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

POLAND A memorial service was held for Robert Dziekanski in his hometown this weekend, almost one year after he died at Vancouver International Airport.

On Saturday, mourners at a Roman Catholic Church in Pieszyce — a small town in southern Poland — were told by their priest that Dziekanski's death is a warning against the use of Tasers.

Outside the church, there is a grey stone marker with Dziekanski's photo and inscription that says he died tragically in Canada, and that his ashes will be buried in Poland and Canada. His mother, Zofia Cisowski, lives in Kamloops.

The non-English speaking Dziekanski arrived in Vancouver to start a new life with his mother last October. The two missed each other at the airport and Dziekanski became agitated after waiting about 10 hours alone. He was then Tasered at least twice by RCMP officers. The incident was videotaped and received attention worldwide.

The inquiry into Dziekanski's death will be held in October.

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Zofia Cisowski, mother of Robert Dziekanski, cries during a memorial for her son at a church in Pieszyce, Poland, on Saturday.

Obama eyes troop swap

U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama called the situation in Afghanistan "precarious and urgent" yesterday and said Washington should start planning to transfer more troops there from Iraq.

The Illinois Democrat spoke from Afghanistan on the CBS program Face The Nation after meeting privately with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on an overseas trip meant to bolster his foreign policy credentials.

"We have to understand that the situation is precarious and urgent here in Afghanistan and I believe this has to be the central focus, the central front, in our battle against terrorism," Obama said.

Obama was spending last night in Kuwait where he met the Gulf Arab state's emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah. He was due to fly to Iraq for meetings today.

He is also due to visit Jordan, Israel, Germany, France and Britain on a foreign tour he hopes will help answer Republican criticism that he lacks the experience to be commander-in-chief.

Obama wants to send two more brigades, or some 7,000 U.S. troops, to Afghanistan and shift the emphasis from what he calls the Bush administration's "single-minded" focus on Iraq. REUTERS

deadly air strike

A foreign air strike killed nine Afghan policemen in western Afghanistan overnight after a clash in which both sides mistook the other for Taliban militants, Afghan officials said yesterday.

News in brief

ATTACK Five small bombs exploded in northern Spain yesterday, including four at popular seaside resorts in Cantabria, which were claimed by the Basque separatist group ETA.

SPEECH In the first speech to the Israeli Knesset by a British prime minister, Gordon Brown today will warn Iran it faces growing isolation. REUTERS

Corn belt prices jump 20 per cent

Farm prices in the corn belt of America jumped 20-plus per cent last year. Economists say the gains seem to be based on anticipated profits from future harvests, not speculation. If prices turn lower, the sector could suffer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Business

Water heater alert

Customers who rent water heaters from Direct Energy are being warned about pitches from door-to-door salesmen from a rival company hoping to lock them into a long-term contract of up to 15 years or face a penalty to break the contract. Direct Energy customers can remove their rented water heaters without paying a penalty.

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News in brief

JOBS Sony Ericsson, hit hard by a fall in demand for its more expensive phones, posted a $3.17-million loss for the second quarter and said it would shed about 2,000 jobs. REUTERS

LOANS As the credit crisis spreads to the economy, small companies warn it is increasingly difficult to obtain loans, which could push the U.S. into recession. REUTERS

VIDEO GAMES U.S. sales of video game hardware and software rose 53 per cent in June from a year ago, with Konami Corp.'s Metal Gear Solid 4 — which claimed the top slot as June's bestselling game — helping to fuel a dramatic increase in the number of Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3 units sold, market researcher NPD reported. REUTERS

Bids slow to a trickle

Auction may be nearing end

A morning round of bidding in Canada's wireless spectrum auction on Friday produced no new offers, suggesting the months-long process that could result in a new national wireless phone provider may soon end.

After the bidless round passed, a single new offer trickled in around noon and a handful of others arrived throughout the afternoon before bidding concluded for the weekend.

The auction of rights to airwaves for wireless telecom services has so far raised $4.25 billion in more than 300 rounds of bidding. That is more than double the amount analysts had expected.

Auction managers will wait for a period without any new bids before officially declaring the end of the auction. Bidding kicked off in late May, with 292 spectrum licences offered across the country.

REUTERS

top bidders

Rogers had bid the most on licenses at $997 million. Of the newcomers, the top bidder was a company controlled by Montreal-based Quebecor Inc. with $555 million.

Mattel prevails in Bratz copyright trial

TOY WARS Mattel Inc. won a nearly complete victory in its U.S. federal copyright infringement case against rival MGA Entertainment over which toymaker owns the original drawings for the $1-billion-plus US Bratz fashion doll franchise.

The California jury last week found that the creator of the Bratz dolls, Carter Bryant, created their characters and the name while he was under contract as a Barbie designer at Mattel. Other than four drawings that Bryant testified he made in a notebook while on an eight-month hiatus from Mattel in 1998, MGA lost the rights to all drawings of the Bratz line.

Bratz dolls and a Mattel Barbie Doll in a London store.

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Going Green

Light bulbs

If every Canadian household replaced just one 60-watt incandescent bulb with an Energy Star qualified 20-watt compact fluorescent bulb, the environmental benefit would be equivalent to taking 66,000 cars off the road, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

B.C.'s biodiversity important

Thousands of plants and animals make it critical to Canada's wealth

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

One of my proudest moments came in 1992 at the inaugural Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Along with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (which in turn led to the Kyoto Protocol), a second key outcome of this international meeting was the signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a groundbreaking agreement founded on the principle that conserving biological diversity is "a common concern of all humankind." Canada was the first of 189 countries to sign the agreement.

B.C.'s Conservation Framework for protecting wildlife, released on July 9, made me realize, though, that all the agreements in the world won't add up to much if they aren't followed with action. For B.C., the stakes couldn't be higher.

The government's new policy was accompanied by research on the health of the province's wildlife and wilderness, which paints a dire picture. Some 1,640 species (or 43 per cent of assessed wildlife) and four "biogeoclimatic zones" (about 5 per cent of B.C.'s land base) are threatened enough to be of conservation concern.

B.C. and Alberta are the only provinces that don't have endangered species laws. But these laws are essential to addressing such a serious problem.

British Columbia needs a clear law to recover wildlife at risk and to protect habitat to prevent species from becoming at risk in the first place. B.C. could look to Ontario, which enacted a new Endangered Species Act in 2007. Although the Ontario law isn't perfect, it includes strong wording for habitat protection and mandatory planning for the recovery of endangered and threatened species. The loss of biodiversity affects not just the production of commodities like the food we eat, the timber we use to build our homes, and the medicines we use to heal ourselves, but many other so-called "ecosystem services" as well, like clean air and clean water. However, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the ecosystem services provided by nature are threatened by human actions, such as unsustainable logging, pollution, and global warming.

It's been 16 years since my hopes were raised that humanity was on the right track to creating a world that recognized the importance of biodiversity to human survival. And yet, the crisis in biodiversity has worsened.

The B.C. government, along with all of Canada, still has the opportunity to lead the way. Its new policy for wildlife protection may be a start, but it doesn't match the kind of leadership the province has shown in combating global warming.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Biological richness

- B.C. is home to 76 per cent of Canada's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other plants and animals. That biological richness makes it a critical part of Canada's overall wealth.

Only 16 northern spotted owls, right, are left in B.C.

News in brief

FACEBOOK Team GreeNet, two students from Simon Fraser University, have created a Facebook application interface called GreeNet to raise awareness of unsustainable energy consumption. The GreeNet system provides users with an interface that acts as a virtual garden, where their participation in energy-conscious activities effects the growth of plants within that space. In addition to personal energy consumption, the consumption ratings of online friends who also use the GreeNet application are provided for comparison.

COMPUTERS Screen savers don't save electricity. Instead, set your computer to go into sleep mode when you aren't actively using it. That can cut your power consumption by five times, cutting your electricity bills by more than 500 kilowatt hours per year, according to The Carbon Buster's Home Energy Handbook.

CARPOOL If you drive to work, commit to carpooling or taking public transit one day a week. Each time you carpool, you'll keep 2.5 kilograms of greenhouse gases from billowing into the atmosphere (assuming an average 16-kilometre round-trip commute). Every time you jump on a bus, you'll avoid 4.5 kg, according to WWF Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Help keep shorelines clean

It's a warm summer evening and you're walking along a sandy beach, arm in arm with your sweetheart. You're enjoying the splendid sunset and the sound of the splashing waves, while cigarette butts wash up between your toes. Not exactly a romantic picture.

The good news is there are lots of ways you and your loved ones can help keep Canada clean and green year-round. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Vancouver Aquarium offer the following suggestions:

- Recycle and clean up your garbage, no matter where you are.
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts and cigar tips.
- Bring reusable bags with you when shopping as a way to reduce the number of plastic bags ending up in landfills or on shorelines.
- Seek out environmentally friendly products.

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Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

- Join thousands of volunteers across Canada this Sept. 20-28 for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. By giving as little as one hour of your time you can ensure our local shorelines and waterways are kept clean, healthy and in good condition for people, plants and wildlife. For more information, see *www.vanaqua.org/cleanup*.

Wetlands could unleash 'carbon bomb:' Scientists

GASES The world's wetlands could release a planet-warming "carbon bomb" if they are destroyed, ecological scientists said yesterday.

Wetlands contain 771 billion tons of greenhouse gases, one-fifth of all the carbon on Earth and about the same amount of carbon as is now in the atmosphere, the scientists said before an international conference linking wetlands and global warming. If all the wetlands on the planet released the carbon they hold, it would contribute powerfully to the climate-warming greenhouse effect, said Paulo Teixeira, coordinator of the Pantanal Regional Environment Program in Brazil.

Wetlands are not just swamps: They also include marshes, peat bogs, river deltas, mangroves, tundra, lagoons and river flood plains. **REUTERS**

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Racing
McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won a thrilling German Grand Prix yesterday to forge four points clear of Ferrari's Felipe Massa at the top of the Formula One championship. REUTERS

Sports

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Don't believe hype on Sundin signing

Star's agent denies deal done with Canucks

Bilingual Canucks' fans woke up in ecstasy yesterday morning when a Swedish newspaper reported that Mats Sundin had decided to play for Vancouver next season.

One problem — it isn't true, at least according to Sundin's agent, JP Barry.

Barry says Sundin is still mulling over whether or not he wants to play hockey at all next year, and no one is certain as to Sundin's timeline for his decision. Unless some sort of Being John Malkovich portal exists with Sundin, we'll all know the answer when Sundin decides to tell us, not as the result of inside information.

• If Jarious Jackson is to remain the Lions' starting quarterback, the Leos had best showcase his strengths with their play calling.

Jackson is not as adept at reading defences as his predecessor, Dave Dickenson, but he is blessed with far more athleticism than Double D. One of his greatest abilities is throwing the deep ball, something the Lions refused to do for the better part of Friday's victory over Winnipeg.

As soon as Jackson started firing the long ball, the Lions started to light up the scoreboard. With dangerous vertical receivers like Paris Jackson and Geroy Simon, Jackson is poised to strike fear into the hearts of secondaries all over the CFL. However, the Lions have been extremely conservative on offence in the early part of this campaign, and it's hindered their ability to put up points. With J.J. behind centre, B.C. would be wise to employ the "Grip it and rip it" gameplan on a regular basis.

• Just like Josh Hamilton was the story of last week's All-Star Home Run Derby despite not winning it, Greg Norman was the most memorable part of the British Open even though Padraig Harrington won his second straight Claret Jug.

The 53-year-old Great White Shark thrilled audiences around the globe with his exceptional play in the first three rounds of the tournament before succumbing to a superior Harrington yesterday. Norman was the perfect story for a Tigerless Open, reminding us all that anything is possible on any given day. When he blew a six-shot lead in the final round of the 1996 Masters, people called him a choke artist. Though Norman had a two-stroke advantage heading into the final 18 at Royal Birkdale, fans will remember this effort as a reminder of the magic that he weaved for so many years as one of the best swingers on the planet.

• Want to weigh in? E-mail me at scott.rintoul@metronews.ca

How to make a Scott Rintoul: Mix equal parts college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. Shake vigorously.

Joseph rallies Argos to win

ARGONAUTS 35 ESKIMOS 31

CFL Kerry Joseph scampered for the game-winning touchdown run to cap a 109-yard drive with less than a minute remaining, as the Toronto Argonauts came away with a thrilling 35-31 comeback win over the Edmonton Eskimos.

Joseph was brilliant with his arm and his legs, throwing for 343 yards and a touchdown on 22-of-38 efficiency and rushing for 118 yards and the go-ahead score. Rookie James Robinson recorded 10 receptions for a whopping 194 yards and a TD.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 9 Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 6 Seattle 2
Detroit 5 Baltimore 1
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 7
L.A. Angels 5 Boston 3
N.Y. Yankees 2 Oakland 1
Texas 1 Minnesota 0
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Houston 0
Colorado 11 Pittsburgh 3
Florida 3 Philadelphia 2 (11 ings)
L.A. Dodgers 6 Arizona 5
Milwaukee 7 San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 7 Cincinnati 5 (10 ings)
St. Louis 9 San Diego 5
Washington 15 Atlanta 6

TONIGHT'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05
Toronto at Baltimore, 5:05
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 6:10
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 6:11
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 8:05
Boston at Seattle, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 5:05
Atlanta at Florida, 5:10
San Diego at Cincinnati, 5:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 6:05
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:05
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 7:40

CFL

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	1	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	4
B.C.	2	2	0	4

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	2	0	4
Toronto	2	2	0	4
Hamilton	1	3	0	2
Winnipeg	0	4	0	0

WEEK 4
YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Toronto 35 Edmonton 31
SATURDAY'S RESULT
Saskatchewan 41 Montreal 33
FRIDAY'S RESULT
B.C. 27 Winnipeg 18
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Calgary 43 Hamilton 16

SOCCER

GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS MEN'S TEAM:
SATURDAY'S RESULT
VANCOUVER 6 Prince George All-Stars 0

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER CANADIANS:
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
VANCOUVER 3 Yakima 2
TONIGHT'S GAME
Yakima at VANCOUVER, 7:05

Sports in brief

NFL The Washington Redskins filled the void left by Phillip Daniels' season-ending injury by trading for star defensive end Jason Taylor from the Miami Dolphins. Miami will receive Washington's second-round selection in 2009 and sixth-round pick in 2010.

SOCCER The Whitecaps women closed out their regular season with a 2-1 home win over Real Colorado yesterday, a result which means Vancouver will host Seattle next Saturday in the Western Conference Final.

TENNIS Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak captured her first WTA title by defeating sixth seed Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the Stanford Classic yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

LOTTERIES

Friday, July 18, 2008
Lotto Super 709, 11, 12, 22, 34, 35 & 37. Bonus 7.
Extra 17, 31, 63, 93.
Saturday, July 19, 2008
Lotto 6/49 10, 20, 28, 36, 40 & 46. Bonus 23.
B.C. 49 16, 25, 26, 31, 32 & 47. Bonus 19.
Extra 44, 64, 65, 86.
Results not official

Environment
Beijing opened two new subway lines on Saturday, just in time to carry passengers banned from their cars at the Olympics. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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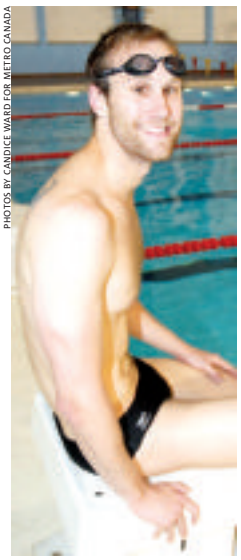

Canadian Olympic swimmer Adam Sioui is no stranger to the financial struggles of being a high-performance athlete.

'It's been a struggle'

Financing career as an athlete has been tough, swimmer Sioui says

NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Canada

Chasing girls got Adam Sioui into the pool and sustained satisfaction kept him there, but it was parental pocketbooks that provided him buoyancy for 17 years.

Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce said the "image of the 'poor starving athlete' is now pretty much a myth," and while Sioui's ribs aren't sticking together, he humbly begs to differ.

"It has definitely been a struggle," said Sioui, a three-event swimming representative for Canada in Beijing. "If my parents weren't there to give me money, to give me support of all kinds, it's hard to say, but I don't think I would have made it to this level."

His mother, Lori, Beijing-bound along with his father Stephen and sister Devon, said she "can't even begin to guess" how much dough freely flowed from family coffers and spilled into her son's career.

She doesn't want to know, either.

"We always found the money somewhere, we never regretted spending one dime because as a parent, when your child is into something like that, you just find ways to make it work," she said. "Now that he's accomplished his dream, it's all worth it."

In February, the federal government pledged $20 million for Summer Olympic-calibre athletes over the next two years and $24 million every year thereafter.

Only $8 million will hit bank accounts in 2008. That's a far cry from the $110 million committed in the Own The Podium program for Vancouver 2010, and too late for Canada's Beijing medal hopefuls such as Sioui, the NCAA's 2002 butterfly champ as a freshman on full scholarship at the University of Florida, who has seen the best and worst of times.

At the age of 18, with nine years' experience tucked into his Speedo, the 6-foot-6 swimmer missed the 2000 Olympics by three-tenths of a second. It was the first time he'd ever missed a target time, and the first time he'd failed to make a team.

A lack of confidence evaporated his second Olympic trial try in 2004, missing the mark by six-tenths of a second.

"I needed a fresh start, a fresh outlook, swimming just takes you over ... and if you don't have a balance in your life, it can be detrimental to a fault," he says.

After moving to train at the University of Calgary two years ago, the Trenton, Ont., registered Huron Tribe member got his fresh start, his "last shot unless something miraculous happens."

He's in the best form of his career and his coach, Jan Bidrman, who will be on deck in Beijing, said the 4x200-metre freestyle relay medal contender is one of the best swimmers the University of Calgary has "ever seen," putting him in the ranks of Curtis Myden, three-time Olympic bronze medallist.

A part-time job would have derailed his Olympic dreams "because swimming is pretty close to a full-time job at this level," he says.

"I definitely couldn't have done this alone."

by the numbers

$21,000 The rough amount Adam Sioui receives in grants from agencies.

1:57.98 Sioui's time in the 200-metre butterfly at the Beijing Olympic Trials, smashing an eight-year-old Canadian record.

9 The age at which Sioui, now 26, started swimming with the Dolphins club.

2 The amount of time in weeks that Sioui took off from swimming last year.

60 -km is his average weekly swim.

Germany rounds out hoops field

BASKETBALL Germany won the final qualifying spot for the men's tournament in Beijing with a 96-82 win over Puerto Rico yesterday.

Nowitzki

Germany joins Croatia, which knocked out Canada on Friday, and Greece, who both qualified on Saturday, in the 12-team field.

Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki led Germany with 32 points, while L.A. Clippers centre Chris Kaman added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Healthy Hamm bound for Beijing

GYMNASTICS Olympic all-round champion Paul Hamm confirmed his place in the U.S. team for the Beijing Games on Saturday after proving he had recovered from a broken right hand, officials said.

In the 2004 Games, Hamm became the first American to win the men's Olympic all-round gold medal. He also won two silvers. REUTERS

Sports in brief

BEACH VOLLEYBALL Toronto's Mark Heese, a bronze medallist in 1996, and Ahren Cadieux have failed to qualify for Beijing. The pair needed to place in the top 10 last week in France in the final qualification tournament, but placed 17th.

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Tomorrow's lineup

INSTANT ATTRACTION It took Tracy Cameron less than a week in a scull to decide rowing was going to take her to the Olympics. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

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New chancellor for VIU

Chief Shawn Atleo was appointed as the first chancellor of the new Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University-College) recently. Chief Atleo serves as the Regional Chief of B.C. to the Assembly of First Nations, and is a member of the AFN Executive Committee. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Rocky collective

Three B.C. colleges have formed a partnership to provide more integrated programs and services to students living in the province's interior regions. The presidents of Selkirk College, Okanagan College and the College of the Rockies have signed an agreement to collaborate. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A sisterly tea dream

ANDREW KING
for Metro Canada

Siberia is a world away from Vancouver, but two sisters are working to bring it a little closer after moving their roots and bringing along a few tea recipes on the way.

Katya Popoff and Olga Lenova, both in their early 20s, are the successful owners of FullyLoadedTea, a company that uses real fruit to create authentic flavours to set them apart from the competition.

"Basically, our idea for the product was to add real pieces of fruits and berries to each one of the blends that we create," said Katya. "We sort of also drew on our past experiences, so adding berries that we knew from our childhood like goji berries and tea buckthorn and black urn."

The company, primarily made up of the sisters, also includes many part-time contract employees who help get the tea from production and into stores. The teas are blended at a production facility in Quebec, but all the recipes are created by the sisters.

The sisters split the work down the middle, making the family duo the perfect combo at running a successful business.

quite a party

One event, held by the sisters themselves at a trade show, was the most memorable for the two. "We did the doll Russian theme, so we had a guy dressed up as a Russian bear ... it was a lot of fun," — not to mention the 15 kinds of vodka.

"We work perfectly together," she said. "We've always been kind of entrepreneurial, even as kids. We always knew we wanted to have our own business … we knew we wanted to kind of have fun with it, do something a little bit different than everybody else."

Family has provided a strong foundation for Katya and Olga since leaving Siberia 15 years ago, which has allowed them the confidence to pursue their dreams.

"We've always sort of supported each other and worked together ever since coming to Canada … it's perfect I think."

The sisters took a huge risk when they decided to make their lives revolve around tea.

Katya passed up an opportunity to attend university in Paris, while her sister chose not to study Spanish in Spain so they could pursue a dream of owning their own business, and according to Katya, it only made sense to look to something they knew well — tea.

However, Katya admitted there have been times when quitting seemed like an easier option than having to deal with constant setbacks, such as being rejected by suppliers.

"You need to have a lot of determination and basically not take no for an answer," she said, adding it took a year-and-a-half to finally see their tea in stores.

The two have been making a name for themselves and their brand by showing up at many events, such as the MuchMusic Video Awards and the Junos.

The sisters will soon be taking their tea to new heights by seeking success south of the border in the Midwest and the East Coast, specifically.

Melding science and art with bones from the past

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The Lowdown

Dinosaur Caster

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- **Best Part of the Job:** "Mounting the skeleton. As you're working on the skeleton, you're thinking about the animal, what it was doing."
- **The Worst Part of the Job:** "Hitting a deadline."

In 1977, the paleontology department at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) wanted a technician who could mould and cast fossils. Fresh out of the fine arts program with a specialization in sculpture at the University of Guelph, Peter May thought he could do the job.

At the interview, however, he just wanted to get his hands dirty on the museum's new technology. "I didn't care about the job, I just wanted to know how they were making moulds." Soon, he had dust all over his good suit. "I don't know anything about dinosaurs," he told the interviewer. "Don't worry, it'll come," he was told. May was hired on the spot.

Now, nearly 30 years later, 53-year-old May runs Trenton, Ontario's Research Casting International, one of the few companies in the world that moulds and casts dinosaur bones and other fossils, and mounts full museum installations. Over the last 20 years, he and his staff have worked on 250 museum exhibits around the world, including the Barosaurus "Gordo" at the ROM and the dinosaur exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Back in 1986, while he was working as the ROM's head technician, May started getting calls from other museums. May would rent space to put together a dinosaur or fossil exhibit and would shut down until the next job. "One day it never shut down," says May. Eventually, he left the ROM — business was booming as many museums didn't have the proper ventilation to do work that created fumes.

May recently moved his 20-employee company to a 48,000-square-foot site in Trenton. There, staff start with a dinosaur bone still stuck in rock and end up with a fully mounted dinosaur casting, which is ready for the museum.

These days, May spends most of his time running the company. But every once in awhile he feels the need to get his hands dirty, so he goes down to the floor to help mould or mount a dinosaur when a deadline is pressing. "It's exciting work. The melding of science and art."

Diane Peters is a professional journalist and instructor at Ryerson University's School of Journalism in Toronto.

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Desperate ending
Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry has set a deadline for the hit show to come to an end — insisting the program will definitely finish in 2011. "We're going to get out while people still like us," he said. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Lennon project
John Lennon's upbringing is to be the subject of a new film. Nowhere Boy will examine Lennon's formative years and the influence his aunt and parents had on his talent for music. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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MVP called up for DVD

Cancelled CBC hockey series finds success on U.S. soap opera channel

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

MVP: The Secret Lives Of Hockey Wives, starring Dillon Casey, is now available on DVD.

Fans Of MVP: The Secret Lives Of Hockey Wives, can now watch the first season as many times as they wish, with the show's DVD now available in Canada.

"It's all part of the next chapter in the MVP story. The show that just won't die," said Dillon Casey, who plays rookie hockey player Trevor Lemonde.

The show is a fictional take on the lives of hockey players as well as their wives and girlfriends, when they are off the ice.

After being cancelled on CBC, the series found new life on ABC's SOAPnet, a U.S. cable subscription television channel. The first season is being broadcast on the channel, broadening the show's fan base.

While the future of the show is still up in the air, Joanne Dullard of Screen Door, the production company representing the series, is looking forward to what will become of the series.

"We're very hopeful for the future of MVP. It's being well-received in the U.S. and we're thrilled with the success on ABC's SOAPnet."

After being scheduled on CBC's Friday night schedule, the series was moved to Tuesday at 9 p.m., where it was up against American Idol on CTV. The show was eventually cancelled due to poor ratings.

"I just felt we never really got a fair showing to let the country see who we were and what the show is about," said Deborah Odell, who plays one of the lead roles as Evelyn McBrid in the series.

Now that the show has transitioned from CBC to SOAPnet, MVP is being considered a soap opera. But Casey believes MVP is different than some of its competitors.

> **"It just goes for it. It's very risky; it's got a lot of good characters, very strong women and just explores the world (of hockey)."**
> Dillon Casey

"It doesn't try to be something that it's not. It's very edgy, Canadian television," he said. "It just goes for it. It's very risky; it's got a lot of good characters, very strong women and just explores the world (of hockey)."

While the show has not officially been picked up for a second season, Dullard believes the release of the DVD, which features bonus features such as behind-the-scenes footage, cast interviews and a photo gallery, will be successful.

"Fans are crazy for MVP and they really want the second season so (the DVD) gives them their taste for now."

casting

Doherty 90210 return 'amazing'

Doherty

TV Shannen Doherty may have earned a bad girl's reputation on the set of Beverly Hills, 90210, but there's one person who's excited she's going back to the world's most famous zip code: Former co-star Tori Spelling, *People.com* reports.

News that Doherty has joined the new 90210 cast, "is amazing," says Spelling, who also plans on appearing on the CW spin-off.

"That's probably the best news the fans could ever get," she said Saturday.

music

DMX arrested in identity case

PEOPLE Rapper DMX has been arrested on suspicion he gave a false name to get out of paying for hospital medical expenses, BBC News Online reports.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio said the star told the Mayo Clinic in Arizona that his name was Troy Jones and failed to pay a $7,500 bill in April.

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Batman opening tops Spider-Man

The new Batman movie The Dark Knight smashed the weekend record set by Spider-Man 3 last year, selling an estimated $155.3 million US worth of tickets during its first three days of release across the United States and Canada, distributor Warner Bros. Pictures said yesterday.

The Dark Knight is the No.1 film at the box office.

The hotly anticipated film, co-starring late actor Heath Ledger as the anarchic Joker, surpassed the $151.1 million haul for Spider-Man 3 during its first weekend in May 2007.

Going into the weekend, pundits had forecast an opening in the $100 million range, evidently underestimating the Batmania infecting movie fans across the world.

The Caped Crusader also generated $40 million from 20 foreign markets, highlighted by No. 1 bows in Ledger's native Australia ($13.1 million) and Mexico ($6.6 million), the Time Warner Inc.-owned studio said.

With a little help from another new release Mamma Mia!, which opened at No. 2 with $27.6 million, The Dark Knight propelled overall North American ticket sales to a record $253 million, according to Media By Numbers. The old mark of $218 million was set two years ago, the company said.

The Dark Knight stars Welsh actor Christian Bale as Batman, and was directed by English filmmaker Christopher Nolan. They previously collaborated on Batman Begins, which earned $48.7 million during its first weekend in 2005, and finished with $205 million.

The Dark Knight should hit that level by midweek, Warner Bros. said. The new film reportedly cost about $180 million to make, thanks in part to the pioneering use of heavy Imax cameras to shoot 30 minutes of the 152-minute film for giant-screen theatres. The filmmakers also blew up bits of Chicago, which doubles for the fictional Gotham City. REUTERS

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning on July 18:

1. **The Dark Knight:** $155.3 million US
2. **Mamma Mia!:** $27.6 million
3. **Hancock:** $14 million
4. **Journey To The Center Of The Earth:** $11.9 million
5. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army:** $10 million
6. **WALL-E:** $9.8 million
7. **Space Chimps:** $7.4 million
8. **Wanted:** $5.1 million
9. **Get Smart:** 4.1 million
10. **Kung Fu Panda:** $1.8 million

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Crest Oral-B metro Do it daily.

No purchase necessary. One entry per person. Contest open to Canadian residents of legal age, excluding residents of Quebec. Contest closes July 25, 2008. Approximate retail value of prize is $240. Odds of winning depend on number of entries received.

Another Top Gun for Tom?

Tom Cruise is set to star in a Top Gun sequel. The actor, who starred as arrogant pilot Pete (Maverick) Mitchell in the hit 1986 action movie, is reportedly considering reprising his role for a new movie. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Get the most out of your living space

Here are some easy-to-do tips to help you put a lot of stuff into a little place

Fancy, ahem, cramming in a little extra where you, ahem, need it most? Stick with us kids — we've got it sorted. However crammed your house or tight your condo, here's how to max up and make it — at least feel — far more commodious …

Be flexible

Use "smart" double-duty furniture such as sofas which unfold into beds, coffee tables that raise to become dining tables or upholstered ottomans with removable tops that would make the perfect seat, toy box or foot stool.

Make a wheel difference

Position wheeled storage cubes, side lamps atop, either side of your sofa for a slick modern aesthetic. Fancy a change? Remove lamps and push into the centre of your space to make the perfect coffee table.

But there's more — lift the lids for immediate access to magazines, books and newspapers. Bingo!

Small-scale thinking

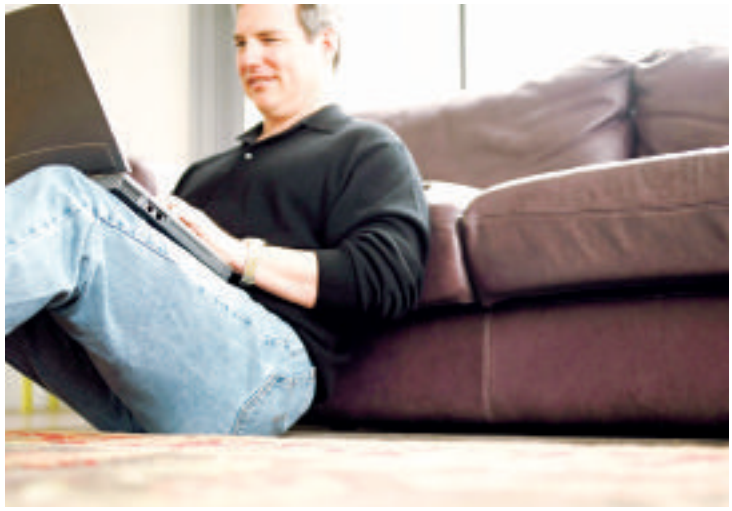
To maximise space, lose that "big box" PC in favour of a small, slim laptop that can be stored away when not in use. Or swap elaborate outsize squashy chesterfields for smaller compact sofas and chairs.

Behind closed doors

We recently created a glorious white galley kitchen in a *tiny* London condo and, because our client works from home, assigned one side of the room to food prep and the other to his stock-market business.

On first glance, the long white room looks like kitchen heaven, however open doors on one side and computer, files and photocopier suddenly appear.

Also, a section of worktop pulls out by 18 inches to create a desk where our chap can go about his business! Close the doors back over, push back the counter … and culinary calm is restored.



A little laptop is much more manageable in a small space than a "big box" PC.

Discover you're big downstairs!

Don't ignore one of your biggest assets! Instead, dive below into the great Canadian basement to create awesome possibilities chez vous. Rather than languish in what's little more than a dank, messy storage zone, consider the benefits of a finished basement. We're thinking guest suite, home office, children's play room, spa bathroom … The choice is — and the added flexibility will be — yours!

Here's a hit list of double-duty kit that will help you shop "smart!"

- Storage Ottoman — seating, storage & table all in one.
- Kitchen storage bench — cook books and baking trays housed casually within kitchen table seating.
- Sofa bed/Murphy bed — a guest suite in minutes and no extra room required.
- Coffee table with stashable stools — additional seating when you need it.
- Extendable dining tables — office/work space as required.
- End tables with drawers or shelves — a stylish way to introduce extra surfaces and extra storage.
- Armoire — use as multimedia housing, TV disguise or clothes storage. Particularly good for bedroom offices. Don't forget to pin sleeves to the inside of doors to stash flat files, etc.
- Stackable chairs — enough said!

Colin & Justin's Home Heist airs Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. on HGTV. www.hgtv.ca

Are You a Metro Adventure Seeker?
Tell us about your craziest adventure of all time and you could win a fun filled weekend at Sun Peaks Resort! We'll set you up with a two-night stay at the Coast Sundance Lodge, hiking and biking passes, plus kayak and mountain bike rentals. Enter to win at metronews.ca
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Stolen Picasso print recovered

ART THEFT Police recovered a Pablo Picasso print and arrested one person in connection with an armed robbery at Sao Paulo's Pinacoteca Museum last month.

The print, Picasso's The Painter and the Model from 1963, was one of four works taken in broad daylight on June 12. **REUTERS**

Going out

- 8 p.m. Glenn Miller Orchestra plays live. At Orpheum Theatre, 884 Granville St. Tix: $44/57. For more information, visit city.vancouver.bc.ca.
- 8 p.m. The Back Kitchen Release Party. At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: $30-33. For more information, visit artsclub.com.
- 9:15 p.m. English musician Boy George performs live. At Commodore Ballroom, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $65. For more nformation, visit livnation.com.
- 9:30 p.m. Singer George Nozuka performs live. At Tonic Nighclub, 919 Granville St. Tix: $20. For more info: thetonicclub.com.
- 10 p.m. DJs Physik, Lefty and Sense spin Top 40, hip hop and R&B. At Citrus Club, 20229 Industrial Ave. Tix: $10. Info: 604-530-8888.

lunch money day
HUNGER TAKES NO VACATION
Encourage people to brown bag their lunch this summer and donate their lunch money to help feed up to 10,000 children who depend on food banks each week.
Parent

Bravo adds Parker's reality show
Sarah Jessica Parker's art-competition reality show has found a home at Bravo. The network has picked up American Artist, a Project Runway-style series that takes on the art world. REUTERS

Undeclared short, but sweet

IntelleVision

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REVENGE IS SWEET: While interviewing Jay Baruchel for Just Buried, his latest film, I couldn't resist asking the Montreal native about his experiences on Undeclared, the short-lived Fox series that lasted just 17 episodes in the fall of 2001 before being canceled by the axe-happy network.

He jumped on the subject with relish, clearly able to get past the bad memories of the show's ignominious end and enjoy the reputation the show now enjoys, and the success that its cast — which included Baruchel alongside Seth Rogen and Jason Segel — and creator, Judd Apatow, have enjoyed since then.

FRANK MICELOTTA/GETTY IMAGES

Jay Baruchel fondly remembers the short-lived show Undeclared.

"It was my introduction to America with the exception of the three days of work I did on Almost Famous," Baruchel recalls. "I was like, 'Oh, we're going to rehearse and improvise, and what character am I playing? You're basing the character on me? That's fucking crazy. Literally there were no characters. We rehearsed for three weeks in workshops and they based the pilot on that. Which is pretty uncommon, you're never given that much freedom. And then throughout the shooting of the series, every actor, every writer, every director was like 'This is the best show on television, isn't it?' I can't tell you how much that informs the work when everybody — it's different to say it than to generally know it, and we generally knew that we were funnier and stronger than anything else on TV, so I can't tell you what that feels like, making a show like that."

Things got bad fast, though, and when Apatow wasn't fending off witless "notes" sent down from production executives, Fox was preempting the show for sports events or reruns of That '70s Show, its lead-in, and showing episodes out of order. With the announcement of That '80s Show, Baruchel and the cast saw the writing on the wall.

"We went to this Fox party, which they were trying to make like our farewell thing — they said 'You guys can come — we'll give you one more party you can show up to.' We show up and it's all purple lighting and there are Madonna impersonators walking around and Michael Jackson impersonators, and I was like, 'We're really getting canceled, aren't we?' I can't think of something that's more an antithesis of Undeclared than That '80s Show."

Undeclared might have been canned after 17 episodes, but its DVD box set is a cherished item — a status the three aired episodes of That '80s show will never enjoy, and Baruchel says that he still gets a kick out of gloating about it all.

"Anybody who tells you any different is lying. Very much so. As petty as it sounds, there are few things that feel as good as watching somebody that has the power to make or break careers eating crow and humble pie. I know how it tastes; I'd like them to tell me how it tastes. I always want to hear it from them."

GONE FISHING: That's it for me for two weeks, while I retreat to a cabin overlooking the Bay Of Fundy with no television. See you all in August.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Showtime eyes Falco series

NEW SHOW Showtime is close to giving a series pickup to an untitled dark comedy starring Edie Falco. The Sopranos veteran plays a strong-willed, iconoclastic New York nurse juggling the frenzied grind of an urban hospital and an equally challenging personal life. REUTERS

Edie Falco

In brief

DRAMA Actor William Petersen's exit from the CBS hit CSI: Crime Scene Investigation opens the door for a new character to join the show's crime-busting team — only this one just could be a crazed killer. The show's new addition will be a scientist with a dark secret — his genetic makeup is similar to that of known killers.

MUSIC After moving nearly 3 million copies of its 2005 debut album, Extreme Behavior, Oklahoma City rock band Hinder is eyeing another big release with its new album, Take It To The Limit. The disc, due Nov. 4, is already off to strong start with the single Use Me. REUTERS

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critics'corner

The Big Bang Theory
Uh-oh. Trouble in nerd paradise! The organizers of a physics conference invite Sheldon and Leonard (Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki) to give a presentation on their joint findings. Sheldon, however, wants no part of it. When Penny (Kaley Cuoco) tries to help the roomies resolve their differences, she just makes things worse. Kunal Nayyar also stars in "The Cooper-Hofstadter Polarization." 8 PM on CBS

Wanna Bet?
Call it "Gambling on Goofiness." In this new game show, celebrities attempt to win money for charity by betting on the outcomes of stunts and mental feats performed by ordinary folks. They include skiing over 2,000 eggs, memorizing 32 strangers' names and solving Rubik's Cube while blindfolded ... under water. British comedians Ant and Dec are the hosts, and Sherri Shepherd and Scott Hamilton are among the stars slated to take part. 9 PM on VI

Sweethearts no more?
The love affair between The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant and Shayne Lamas has ended. Just two days after Page Six reported Lamas had cheated on Grant with Las Vegas media mogul Justin Weneger, Lamas phoned Grant and called off the coupling. **PAGESIX.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney to pay K-Fed

SETTLEMENT Britney Spears' custody settlement with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, in which he retained sole custody of the couple's two sons, came at a price, People.com reports.

A source close to the singer confirms she'll now pay Federline $20,000 US a month in child support, an increase from $15,000.

Federline's lawyer, Mark Vincent Kaplan, also demanded and received $250,000 for his work on the case, the source adds.

"All Britney was seeking was a formalization of her increased visitation that she's obtained over recent weeks, and the additional overnight," the source said. "She won both of those requests."

Spears, who is represented by lawyer Laura Wasser, currently sees her sons twice a week with one overnight. The source adds that she will get an additional overnight by year's end, barring any setbacks.

At a press conference following Friday's hearing, Kaplan declined to address any monetary settlement.

"This has been a long ordeal (for Kevin)," Kaplan said, "and for it to be over makes him very happy."

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Jolie, twins leave hospital

HEADING HOME Angelina Jolie and her twins left the hospital early Saturday, a week since she gave birth to Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, People.com reports.

"Angelina Jolie left the Clinic Santa Maria of Fondation Lenval early in the morning of July 19th," hospital rep Nadine Bauer confirmed to People.

"The mother and babies are doing very well."

There were only a few journalists camped outside the Fondation Lenval hospital in Nice, France, early Saturday morning but even they didn't know for sure when Jolie slipped out of the hospital with her twins at 4 a.m. local time.

Jolie and the newest Jolie-Pitts left Lenval to join their excited siblings — Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; Zahara, 3; and Shiloh, 2 — at Chateau Miraval, the enormous and luxurious chateau in Correns, France, that Jolie and partner Brad Pitt rented in May.

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Madonna upset over bro's book

SIBLING RIFT Madonna is devastated her brother Christopher Ciccone has written a tell-all book about her life, according to the superstar's estranged sibling.

Speaking on U.K. TV show Gmtv on Friday, Ciccone revealed: "We do still e-mail but we haven't spoken (since the book was published).

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celebrity brief

Aniston shelling out for Mayer?

BEAUTY Jennifer Aniston has reportedly been spending $80,000 US a month on her appearance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 39-year-old actress is allegedly worried her younger boyfriend, John Mayer, 30, will leave her for a younger woman and so has been splashing out to maintain her looks and figure. The sum reportedly includes $2,000 on a personal chef and $1,500 for one-on-one yoga sessions with Los Angeles' top instructor, Mary Ingber.

"Jennifer doesn't have time to prepare her own healthy meals, so she's signed up with this organic, high-protein, low-fat meal delivery service," a source said. Aniston has reportedly been shelling out on beauty treatments costing her hundreds of dollars a time. A source added to Britain's Grazia magazine: "Jen invests up to $600 a month on maintaining her hair too."

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Troyer settles sex tape lawsuit

PEOPLE Actor Verne Troyer has settled a $20-million US lawsuit against the distributor and website which published his sex tape, imdb.com reports.

The footage — featuring Troyer's ex-girlfriend Ranae Shrider — hit the internet last month, and Troyer successfully fought to have the tape removed from TMZ.com, which posted the video. Shrider has confessed to deliberately handing the video over to the media, claiming she acted in revenge after the Austin Powers star allegedly cheated on her — which the actor denies. She also defended her right to release the footage, insisting she is a partial owner.

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celebrity brief

Hayek, fiancé axe engagement

CANCELLED Salma Hayek has ended her engagement to billionaire Francious-Henri Pinault, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Hayek gave birth to their daughter Valentina in September.

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Kate won't butt out

PEOPLE Kate Moss is refusing to quit smoking, insisting, "It's who I am," imdb.com reports. She says, "I don't want to create a phony facade. I think I just have to be myself, or I'd just be a paranoid mess."

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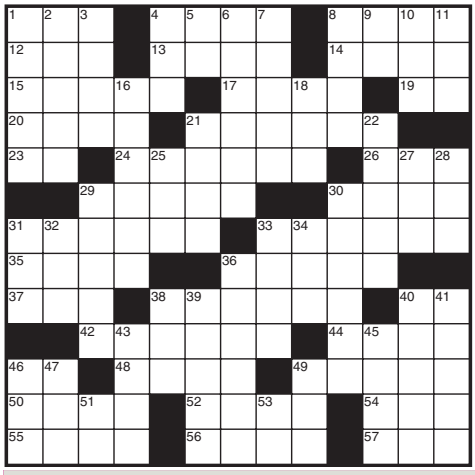
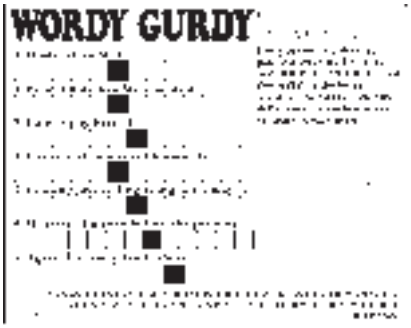
Memorial Actors Billy Crystal, right, and Robert De Niro are spearheading a campaign to build a memorial for the victims of the 9/11 attacks in New York. Crystal has been named director of National September 11 Memorial and Museum Foundation. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Gym dance
4 Zoo barker
8 Learn about
12 Pitcher's stat
13 Raison d' —
14 Therefore
15 Words to the audience
17 Loan figure
19 Guru's mantra
20 Was driven
21 Cloud-seeding compound
23 Nashville's st.
24 Window-shop
26 Plow into
29 Makes tea
30 French Legion headgear
31Enzyme . . . . .secretion
33Piece of china
35Incoming-plane stats
36Charred
37Semi front
38 Bleach
40 Squawkbox, briefly
42 Track event
44 Work a muscle
46 Not med.
48 McNally's partner
49 Steer
50 Author — Rice
52 Ms. Raines of old movies
54 Bad, for Yves
55 Paper source
56 Real bargain
57 Subway opposites



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Crossword down

1 Locket shape
2 Welles or Bean
3 Forked over
4 Visit
5 UFO pilot
6 Longbow need
7 Is ahead
8 Sax mouthpiece
9 MD station
10 In the past
11 Monastic title
16 Rubble
18 Bind
21 Hawkeye state
22 Vertical
25 Give it the gas
27 Copy
28 First space lab
29 Tells a secret
30 Martial art (2 wds.)
31 Brut
32 — — moment's notice
33 Look good on
34 Son of Prince Valiant
36 Package
38 Swimsuit half
39 Like a tablet
40 Go biking
41 Ice-skating leaps
43 Kind of school
45 Margarita ingredient
46 Cozy seat
47 Wildebeest
49 Guy's date
51 Chicago Cubs org.
53 Refrain syllable

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Metro readers do it daily!
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SOURCE: NADbank 2007, read yesterday; BASE: Montreal CMA, Ottawa-Gatineau CMA, Toronto CMA, Vancouver CMA

previous day's answer

O	P	T		C	R	A	B		B	I	R	D
O	O	H		H	O	B	O		L	A	I	R
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			L	E	A			R	I	A	T	A
N	I	N	A		B	O	D	Y		J	A	W
A	B	E	T		B	R	A		Y	A	L	E
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E	X	P	E	L			H	U	H			
			S	P	U	N		M	O	O	S	E
Y	E	A	S		P	O	T	B	O	U	N	D
A	G	U	A		T	R	E	E		R	I	G
P	O	K	Y		O	M	A	R		S	P	Y

This day in history

JULY 21, 1865: In the market square of Springfield, Missouri, Wild Bill Hickok shoots Dave Tutt dead in what is regarded as the first true western showdown.
JULY 21, 1960: Sirimavo Bandaranaike becomes the first woman prime minister in the world, making her the first elected female national leader in the world (Sri Lanka).
JULY 21, 1969: Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first men to walk on the Moon, during the Apollo 11 mission.
JULY 21, 1983: The world's lowest temperature is recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica at −89.2°C (−129°F).
JULY 21, 2007: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows was released at 00:01 worldwide, the book broke sales records as the fastest-selling book ever, selling more than 11 million copies in the first 24 hours.

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Truth is found in thoughtless actions. An obligation is mentioned in a clever story. Confirm your role and resentment will ease.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't pressure yourself about personal conflicts. A whiner enables you to blossom. A man will have all the answers.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Observer reveals the truth. Calm your emotions when dealing with a puzzling situation. Don't laugh when a scoundrel overhears gossip.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A wounded egotist takes out rage on innocent people. A family crisis will pass. Provide support during an unexpected health crisis.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's OK to differ with a dark-haired man. There'll be improvements after a decision is made. Loneliness and alienation will pass.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get welcome news about a younger person. Be emotionally detached when making a choice. Time is running out for a blonde.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't feel stricken if nobody wants to mingle. A captivating person will take a drastic step. Don't fall in love with an overwrought person.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Time will heal every wound. An exceptional event comes to a conclusion. A manager becomes a persuasive fiend.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Healing occurs in a stimulating encounter. A good friend will be depressing. There's a happy journey to be taken.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A legal issue begins to irritate. Get in on the action by being open minded. A fantastic event isn't what it seems.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A companion needs your imagination. This isn't the right time to talk about eagerness. Something silly occurs between friends.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A crisis occurs when the truth comes out. A gloomy woman demands answers. There's a chance to improve the status quo.

		8		7			1	
					1			
5			3		4		6	
8	7		5			9		
	1						4	
		6			2		7	3
	3		8		7			5
			4					
	4			2		1		

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	6	1	2	8	5	4	3	9
2	9	4	1	6	3	5	7	8
8	5	3	4	7	9	6	1	2
9	1	2	7	4	6	3	8	5
4	8	6	3	5	2	1	9	7
3	7	5	8	9	1	2	6	4
6	2	8	5	1	7	9	4	3
1	3	7	9	2	4	8	5	6
5	4	9	6	3	8	7	2	1

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy. 22°	Clear. Low 13°	Variable. 21°/ 13°	Partly cloudy. 21°/ 12°	Sunny. 22°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 22.6°
Low: 13.2°

Records
High: 28.5°/1990
Low: 9.4°/1939

Sunrise: 5:31 a.m.
Sunset: 9:6 p.m.
Moonset: 9:17 a.m.
Moonrise: 10:31 p.m.

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